

Water, Water Everywhere and Not a Drop Makes Us Think

Did you know that, when coal burning is the source of electricity (as it is for more than 70% of New Mexico's consumption) that about 700 gallons of water are consumed (to cool the burning, ugly mess that then turns into sludge) for each Mega-watt-hour produced? That means that Bldg. 810 (where, even with the Energy Nag nagging we consume 327 Mega-watt hours per month -- YIKES!), in addition to dumping about 600,000 lbs. of CO₂ into the atmosphere, we also consume something like 250,000 gallons of water. The Nag estimates that at least 20% of our energy consumption is wasted -- and he has the stats to prove it.

So please, please turn off all personal office items before you leave for the long weekend, and it wouldn't hurt to make a special effort to turn off shared printers, fax machines, and coffee pots. [And, my goodness, just what WOULD you do without having that radio plugged in, telling you what time it is? Maybe you can unplug that and other "vampire loads" for good as well]

Enjoy the holiday, and know that you are making the environment, and Sandia a better place for your efforts.